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SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL DATA FOR THE USSR, AUGUST 1953

This report presents information, from August 1953 Soviet newspapers and a periodical, on agriculture in the USSR as a whole and in the 16 union republics. Progress and statistical data are given on the following: sown area, crops, mechanization, and fertilization.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.<sup>7</sup>

USSR

By 1 August, 10 million more hectares of grain and legume crops had been reaped in kolkhozes of the USSR than by the same date in 1952. Also, by 1 August, in excess of 9 million more hectares had been harvested by combine than by the same date in 1952.<sup>(1)</sup>

An article entitled "On the Fields of the Country" contained the following information on the progress of the harvest in the USSR: The Soviet peasantry greeted the decisions of the Fifth Session of the Supreme Soviet USSR with great satisfaction. In reply to the solicitude of party and state for the further growth of kolkhozes and for the welfare of kolkhoz workers, agricultural workers intensified their efforts for successful completion of the harvest.

By 11 August, one third of the grain and legume crops in kolkhozes of the USSR had been harvested. The area harvested thus far was 10 million hectares greater than that which had been harvested by the same time in 1952. Three fourths of the grains had been harvested by combine; in Zaporozhskaya, Khersonskaya, and Rostovskaya oblasts and in Krasnodarskiy Kray, it was all harvested by combine.

In the country as a whole, twice as much fiber flax had been harvested by 11 August than by the same date in 1952. The plan for ensilage storage had been fulfilled more than half; 5,350,000 more hectares of natural

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grasses had been mowed than in 1952.

MTS, kolkhozes, and sovkhoses began the 1953 harvest with more machinery than in 1952. As of 1 July 1953, the number of grain combines was 10 percent greater, including self-propelled combines (33 percent greater). The number of tractor-drawn and self-propelled grass mowers was 42 percent greater. The number of mechanized and electrified threshing floors in kolkhozes was considerably greater.

Many kolkhozes in the Kuban', Don region, and Ukraine harvested 25-30 quintals of grain per hectare.

Winter grain seed supplies in kolkhozes were already 2.5 times as great and spring grain seed supplies four times as great by 11 August as by the same date in 1952.

However, there were deficiencies in harvest operations. In many MTS of Voronezhskaya, Kuybyshevskaya, and other oblasts, many combine operators were not fulfilling shift norms and were permitting grain losses. At some places, drying of grain at the threshing floors was being delayed and straw and chaff were not being collected.

In many kolkhozes of Poltavskaya, Sumskaya, and Volynskaya oblasts and of the Belorussian SSR, the grain on large areas, which had been reaped with simple machines, had not been stacked or threshed. In Belorussia, for example, only 40 percent of such grain had been stacked. In the Ukraine, collection of straw and chaff from the fields was lagging.(2)

According to data of the Ministry of Agriculture and Procurement USSR, 2.1 million more hectares of winter wheat and rye had been sown in kolkhozes of the country as a whole by 15 August than by the same date in 1952.(3) By 25 August, 4,155,000 more hectares of winter wheat and rye had been sown in kolkhozes of the country as a whole than by the same date in 1952.(4)

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for harvesting of fodder and grain crops and sowing of winter grain crops in kolkhozes and sovkhozes of the republic:

<u>Enterprises</u>	<u>Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Coarse Fodder (Hay) Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>	<u>Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Winter Grain Crops Sown</u>
<u>5 Aug (5)</u>					
Kolkhozes	41	--	--	--	--
Sovkhozes	60	40	42	--	--
<u>10 Aug (6)</u>					
Kolkhozes	45	26	56	4.5	1.2
Sovkhozes	64	42	47	--	--
<u>15 Aug (7)</u>					
Kolkhozes	48	--	--	5	14
Sovkhozes	68	46	56	2	8
<u>20 Aug (8)</u>					
Kolkhozes	50	51	61	10	30
Sovkhozes	71	50	59	8	31
<u>25 Aug (9)</u>					
Kolkhozes	52	--	--	23	47
Sovkhozes	72	51	63	13	46

Harvesting of the grain crop was expanding in the republic by 10 August. A large part of the crop was expected to be harvested by combines and other machines.(10)

Estonian SSR

A group of combine operators from Stavropol'skiy Kray arrived in MTS of the republic to assist in the grain harvest. By 14 August, 22,000 more hectares of grain crops had been combined than by the same date in 1952.(11)

Latvian SSR

As of 5 August, harvesting of grain crops was lagging in many regions of the republic. In some areas, combines were standing idle due to their

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threshed grain not being unloaded promptly. Grain-drying equipment had not been prepared everywhere.(12)

A large group of combine operators from Krasnodarskiy Kray had arrived in Riga by 6 August. They will work in the MTS of the republic, imparting the experience which they gained in their home region to the combine operators of the republic. A second group of Krasnodarskiy Kray combine operators will arrive during the next days. Altogether, about 70 combiners from the Kuban' will work in MTS of the republic in 1953.(13)

Lithuanian SSR

In 1952 as compared with 1951, sovkhoses of the republic increased gross production from land cultivation more than 35 percent.(14)

Belorussian SSR

In 1952, the sown area in kolkhozes of the republic increased 6 percent as compared with 1951. The areas devoted to industrial and fodder crops, potatoes, and vegetables increased considerably.(15)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for application of local fertilizers to kolkhoz fields of the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>1 Aug (16)</u>		<u>10 Aug (17)</u>	
	<u>Manure</u>	<u>Peat</u>	<u>Manure</u>	<u>Peat</u>
Baranovichskaya	98.9	57.6	99.3	58.2
Bobruyskaya	73.6	31.8	75.6	32.5
Brestskaya	93.3	22.7	93.7	23.0
Gomel'skaya	67.6	28.1	68.3	28.1
Grodenskaya	111.0	44.2	112.5	46.0
Minskaya	69.1	19.8	70.5	20.0
Mogilevskaya	86.0	7.0	88.1	7.4
Molodechnenskaya	103.3	45.1	104.0	45.2
Pinskaya	74.6	28.9	75.8	32.4
Poleskaya	72.9	21.0	73.2	21.3
Polotskaya	84.6	26.7	86.1	27.0
Vitebskaya	62.5	4.8	65.0	4.9

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for harvesting of grain crops, fiber flax, and perennial grass seed in kolkhozes of the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Grain and Legume Crops</u>		<u>Grain and Legume Crops Threshed Including Those</u>		<u>Flax</u>		<u>Perennial Grass Seed Harvested</u>
	<u>Reaped</u>	<u>by Combines</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Pulled</u>	<u>Threshed</u>		
<u>1 Aug (18)</u>							
Baranovichskaya	36	5	6	42	13		9
Bobruyskaya	27	23	25	45	37		11
Brestskaya	56	15	19	19	2		7
Gomel'skaya	34	38	39	18	--		9
Grodenskaya	47	4	7	7	--		6
Minskaya	13	10	10	12	--		5
Mogilevskaya	8	16	16	3	1		1
Molodechnenskaya	24	1	1	5	--		1
Pinskaya	55	6	12	47	37		9
Poleskaya	44	29	30	43	19		4
Polotskaya	10	3	3	4	--		--
Vitebskaya	3	2	4	5	--		1
<u>10 Aug (17)</u>							
Baranovichskaya	64.0	9.1	14.4	59.8	27.4		19.2
Bobruyskaya	52.2	28.8	31.7	68.8	47.2		26.8
Brestskaya	76.5	19.8	29.3	55.8	5.0		11.0
Gomel'skaya	51.9	40.4	45.1	49.2	1.7		21.3
Grodenskaya	74.7	6.9	15.1	37.0	3.5		20.0
Minskaya	45.5	20.5	22.7	32.2	12.1		21.6
Mogilevskaya	32.4	24.6	26.1	14.4	4.5		7.9
Molodechnenskaya	56.4	2.9	6.1	26.2	3.0		10.3
Pinskaya	74.0	8.3	25.4	83.2	31.3		32.0
Poleskaya	59.3	32.5	37.0	73.8	22.5		19.4
Polotskaya	33.7	12.5	15.7	23.8	5.2		2.8
Vitebskaya	24.5	26.1	26.9	17.9	2.0		7.8
<u>15 Aug (19)</u>							
Baranovichskaya	77.6	9.6	20.3	70.4	39.5		25.0
Bobruyskaya	64.6	30.7	37.1	79.3	58.0		31.5
Brestskaya	84.9	19.3	37.4	69.6	13.9		12.3
Gomel'skaya	62.9	43.1	51.9	65.4	12.2		27.1
Grodenskaya	84.1	7.2	20.1	57.6	10.3		27.3
Minskaya	58.7	23.8	31.1	47.4	25.6		26.0
Mogilevskaya	43.4	30.6	37.1	25.0	12.0		12.0
Molodechnenskaya	71.0	3.0	11.0	43.7	12.9		16.2
Pinskaya	82.3	8.1	32.0	94.4	48.9		42.6
Poleskaya	68.5	30.7	40.9	80.8	41.5		27.1
Polotskaya	47.7	17.1	30.1	39.2	14.0		4.1
Vitebskaya	36.7	31.2	39.8	33.3	6.6		9.5

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Grain and</u>	<u>Reaped</u>	<u>Grain and Legume</u>	<u>Flax</u>	<u>Flax</u>	<u>Perennial</u>
	<u>Legume</u>		<u>Crops Threshed</u>			
	<u>Crops</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>Including Those</u>	<u>Pulled</u>	<u>Threshed</u>	<u>Seed</u>
	<u>Reaped</u>	<u>Combine</u>	<u>Combined</u>			<u>Harvested</u>
<u>20 Aug (20)</u>						
Baranovichskaya	83.9	13.3	24.9	77.6	46.0	29.6
Bobruyskaya	72.8	34.3	43.8	85.5	62.1	34.8
Brestskaya	89.1	25.1	42.8	78.9	27.3	13.1
Gomel'skaya	73.5	47.6	58.0	74.6	27.8	30.0
Grodenskaya	88.0	10.2	26.0	79.6	20.8	33.9
Minskaya	70.3	29.5	39.7	65.2	26.2	31.2
Mogilevskaya	52.1	36.4	49.1	40.3	19.1	15.5
Molodechnenskaya	80.5	5.9	15.9	62.4	22.9	30.3
Pinskaya	87.3	10.6	37.0	97.7	60.6	49.5
Poleskaya	75.6	39.1	46.7	91.1	49.1	31.3
Polotskaya	58.2	29.7	41.3	51.3	19.5	8.0
Vitebskaya	46.1	42.0	52.9	50.5	10.0	12.8

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Baranovichskaya	88	13	30	84	57	37
Bobruyskaya	81	36	48	92	81	40
Brestskaya	92	24	47	84	46	15
Gomel'skaya	82	49	64	85	55	32
Grodenskaya	90	10	30	86	39	39
Minskaya	81	32	47	77	50	40
Mogilevskaya	61	41	59	57	32	18
Molodechnenskaya	87	5	21	78	40	43
Pinskaya	91	11	43	98	76	55
Poleskaya	81	38	53	96	62	37
Polotskaya	69	29	49	66	26	10
Vitebskaya	55	44	63	68	23	16

The faster rate of harvesting grain crops in the republic in 1953 as compared with 1952 is due to a considerable degree to the higher level of mechanization of harvesting operations. The MTS and kolkhozes received many highly productive machines from the state, such as combines, reapers, threshers, flax pullers, and others. The machines considerably ease the work of kolkhoz workers during the harvesting season and speed up delivery of grain to the state.(22)

In 1953, fodder procurement was carried out somewhat better in the republic than in 1952. For example, kolkhozes of Pinskaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for the first mowing of grasses 118.5 percent and mowed more than 10,500 hectares a second time; kolkhozes of Brestskaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for the first mowing of grasses 109.4 percent; and those of Grodnenskaya Oblast fulfilled this plan 105.3 percent. In the republic as a whole, however,

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tens of thousands of hectares remained unmowed by the end of August, so that hundreds of thousands of quintals of fodder remained standing on the meadows; particularly many grasses had not been mowed in kolkhozes of Bobruyskaya, Vitebskaya, Poleskaya, and Mogilevskaya oblasts.

The plan for storage of ensilage in kolkhozes of the republic as a whole was fulfilled only 67.2 percent at the end of August.(23)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for sowing of winter grain crops and plowing of winter fallow:

Oblast	20 Aug (20)			25 Aug (21)		
	Winter Grain Crops Sown	Including Wheat Sown	Winter Fallow Plowed	Winter Grain Crops Sown	Including Wheat Sown	Winter Fallow Plowed
Baranovichskaya	4.0	--	6.5	17.5	3.6	9.4
Bobruyskaya	5.4	4.0	7.6	17.1	12.7	12.0
Brestskaya	1.6	--	3.6	9.5	0.8	5.8
Gomel'skaya	15.2	4.2	5.5	29.8	16.3	8.5
Grodenskaya	1.1	0.3	2.3	9.7	3.3	3.7
Minskaya	18.8	2.0	6.4	33.0	7.2	8.3
Mogilevskaya	24.8	4.4	2.7	40.4	11.0	5.4
Molodechnenskaya	7.9	1.4	1.8	17.5	3.2	3.0
Pinskaya	1.3	0.4	8.9	8.3	2.1	11.2
Poleskaya	8.6	--	6.3	24.6	2.5	7.8
Polotskaya	22.1	13.3	1.5	37.1	29.7	1.8
Vitebskaya	39.4	19.7	3.2	53.9	33.6	4.7

Ukrainian SSR

Kolkhozes of Izmail'skaya Oblast had finished harvesting the Fuller's Teasel crop by 21 August. This plant yields flower heads, which are used by the textile industry for teaseling purposes in the production of high quality fabrics. In 1953, the kolkhozes grew Fuller's Teasel on an area which was 1.5 times as great as planned; they produced a good crop. The Kolkhoz imeni Lenin in Kiliyskiy Rayon obtained a yield of 4.5 quintals of flower heads per hectare whereas the plan had called for only 2 quintals.(24)

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for harvesting of grain crops and plowing for winter crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>All Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Grain Crops not Including Maize</u>	<u>Grain Crops Reaped by Combine</u>	<u>Plowed for Winter Grain Crops</u>
<u>5 Aug (25)</u>				
Chernigovskaya	55.3	55.5	48.2	26.8
Chernovitskaya	72.1	87.0	62.0	27.9
Dnepropetrovskaya	73.4	85.5	88.0	41.5
Drogobychskaya	60.4	61.3	15.8	13.3
Izmail'skaya	62.5	80.4	77.4	44.8
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	73.3	76.6	51.0	43.7
Khar'kovskaya	63.3	70.5	67.9	53.4
Khersonskaya	95.8	99.7	101.1	41.9
Kievskaya	70.6	74.4	60.4	45.7
Kirovogradskaya	65.6	74.3	68.5	47.5
L'vovskaya	71.5	72.5	38.0	23.1
Nikolayevskaya	81.3	87.6	89.5	47.1
Odesskaya	72.2	85.5	83.7	40.1
Poltavskaya	66.0	73.2	64.7	33.3
Rovensskaya	77.1	77.4	47.8	34.5
Stalinskaya	81.7	92.9	96.3	59.4
Stanislavskaya	66.7	70.1	38.5	20.8
Sumskaya	57.4	58.5	49.7	41.1
Ternopol'skaya	70.1	73.5	37.1	36.3
Vinnitskaya	70.7	75.4	59.0	48.9
Volynskaya	79.4	79.7	40.9	30.2
Voroshilovgradskaya	72.7	83.2	85.6	62.9
Zakarpatskaya	65.5	84.8	60.0	8.8
Zaporozhskaya	89.0	95.3	98.4	51.6
Zhitomirskaya	66.6	67.1	50.1	31.2
Republic as whole	71.4	77.3	71.5	42.0
<u>10 Aug (26)</u>				
Chernigovskaya	63.3	63.5	56.1	36.0
Chernovitskaya	76.5	92.3	69.4	37.8
Dnepropetrovskaya	79.2	92.3	95.0	53.0
Drogobychskaya	67.4	68.4	19.4	20.6
Izmail'skaya	69.2	89.1	86.2	54.0
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	79.6	83.2	57.6	55.3
Khar'kovskaya	72.6	81.0	80.2	66.5
Khersonskaya	96.2	100.0	101.4	55.8
Kievskaya	77.6	81.7	67.4	55.3
Kirovogradskaya	73.1	82.7	77.2	59.2
L'vovskaya	77.5	78.6	43.2	31.1
Nikolayevskaya	87.4	94.1	96.5	58.5
Odesskaya	78.2	92.6	91.2	52.3
Poltavskaya	72.9	80.8	74.0	61.4
Rovensskaya	83.1	83.5	55.0	46.7
Stalinskaya	84.9	96.6	100.1	75.2
Stanislavskaya	71.0	74.7	44.9	31.2
Sumskaya	67.0	68.2	59.3	50.5
Ternopol'skaya	76.6	80.3	42.9	48.1
Vinnitskaya	77.3	82.4	66.2	60.4
Volynskaya	84.7	85.1	51.4	41.1
Voroshilovgradskaya	78.8	90.2	92.7	76.5
Zakarpatskaya	66.6	86.3	65.0	15.7
Zaporozhskaya	92.2	98.7	101.9	66.5
Zhitomirskaya	73.5	74.0	57.4	43.8
Republic as whole	77.6	84.0	78.4	53.7

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Oblast	All Grain Crops Reaped	Grain Crops not Including Maize	Crops Reaped Reaped by Combine	Grain Crops Flowed for Winter Grain
	Reaped	Maize	Reaped by Combine	Crops
15 Aug (27)				
Chernigovskaya	73.3	73.5	66.6	46.1
Chernovitskaya	79.5	95.9	74.8	46.3
Dnepropetrovskaya	83.2	96.9	99.9	67.0
Drogobychskaya	77.3	78.4	26.0	33.8
Izmail'skaya	73.7	94.9	91.4	63.1
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	87.7	91.6	66.0	64.6
Khar'kovskaya	80.9	90.2	90.1	79.1
Kherasovskaya	96.1	100.0	101.6	71.1
Kievskaya	84.3	88.7	75.2	65.0
Kirovogradskaya	80.3	90.9	85.0	69.6
L'vovskaya	86.1	87.3	52.7	43.1
Nikolayevskaya	90.7	97.7	100.1	74.5
Odesskaya	81.9	97.0	95.8	65.2
Poltavskaya	79.5	88.1	82.2	70.7
Rovensskaya	90.4	97.7	100.1	74.5
Stalinskaya	86.0	97.8	101.4	88.7
Stanislavskaya	80.5	84.6	54.5	44.8
Sumskaya	76.3	77.8	69.2	58.9
Ternopol'skaya	86.2	90.4	52.0	60.1
Vinnitskaya	84.8	90.4	74.7	71.5
Volynskaya	89.8	90.3	64.6	59.0
Voroshilovgradskaya	81.1	92.8	95.2	88.1
Zakarpatskaya	69.1	89.5	71.7	24.5
Zaporozhskaya	92.8	99.5	102.6	81.2
Zhitomirskaya	80.8	81.3	65.6	54.0
Republic as whole	83.4	90.3	84.6	65.1

20 Aug (28)

Chernigovskaya	80.1	80.3	74.6	54.8
Chernovitskaya	80.6	97.2	77.7	57.4
Dnepropetrovskaya	84.6	98.5	101.6	79.1
Drogobychskaya	82.7	83.9	31.9	42.6
Izmail'skaya	76.3	93.2	94.8	71.5
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	91.1	95.1	70.7	74.0
Khar'kovskaya	84.6	94.3	94.7	88.7
Kherasovskaya	96.1	100.0	101.6	82.2
Kievskaya	88.0	92.6	79.2	74.1
Kirovogradskaya	84.9	96.2	90.6	80.0
L'vovskaya	90.3	91.6	60.2	55.9
Nikolayevskaya	92.1	99.3	101.8	85.8
Odesskaya	83.7	99.1	97.9	76.9
Poltavskaya	83.8	92.9	88.7	79.4
Rovensskaya	93.0	93.4	67.8	67.6
Stalinskaya	86.5	98.5	101.9	95.3
Stanislavskaya	85.0	89.4	67.3	56.8
Sumskaya	84.3	85.9	78.0	66.6
Ternopol'skaya	90.6	94.9	58.2	69.6
Vinnitskaya	88.2	94.1	78.7	80.5
Volynskaya	92.8	93.2	63.0	59.8
Voroshilovgradskaya	82.3	94.2	96.7	97.5
Zakarpatskaya	70.9	91.8	80.0	34.5
Zaporozhskaya	93.3	99.9	102.9	92.9
Zhitomirskaya	85.4	86.0	71.0	63.4
Republic as whole	86.7	93.8	88.4	74.9

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	Crops Reaped	not Including Maize	Reaped by Combine	Winter Grain Crops
25 Aug (29)				
Chernigovskaya	85.8	86.1	80.5	62.2
Chernovitskaya	81.1	97.9	77.8	63.0
Dnepropetrovskaya	85.3	99.4	102.4	86.7
Drogobychskaya	85.3	86.6	34.4	51.0
Izmail'skaya	77.4	99.7	96.4	76.7
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	93.1	97.2	72.5	81.5
Khar'kovskaya	87.1	97.1	97.5	94.5
Khersonskaya	96.1	100.0	101.7	90.5
Kievskaya	90.6	95.4	81.7	80.1
Kirovogradskaya	87.2	98.7	93.3	87.1
L'vovskaya	93.3	94.6	65.0	65.5
Nikolayevskaya	92.6	99.8	102.3	93.3
Odesskaya	84.1	99.6	98.4	84.3
Poltavskaya	86.7	96.2	92.0	85.0
Rovensskaya	95.6	96.5	71.5	77.1
Stalinskaya	87.0	99.0	102.5	100.0
Stanislavskaya	87.7	92.2	69.3	62.5
Sumskaya	90.1	91.8	84.0	73.4
Ternopol'skaya	93.1	97.6	61.8	77.3
Vinnitskaya	90.8	96.8	80.8	87.3
Volynskaya	94.8	95.2	65.8	65.4
Voroshilovgradskaya	83.8	96.0	98.5	101.8
Zakarpatskaya	72.2	93.6	80.0	39.1
Zaporozhskaya	93.4	100.0	102.9	98.2
Zhitomirskaya	89.4	90.1	74.9	71.4
Republic as whole	88.9	96.2	90.5	81.6

Sovkhozes of the republic had completed harvesting of spiked grain crops by 24 August. Many completed the harvest in 2 weeks' time. Of the entire crop, 99.5 percent was harvested by combine.(30)

Kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Khersonskaya Oblast had completed harvesting of spiked grain crops and millet by 7 August; more than 98 percent of the entire crop was harvested by combine. Daily output per combine averaged 10.1 hectares as compared with 6.6 hectares in 1952.

According to data of the Khar'kovskaya Oblast Administration of Agriculture and Procurement, 190,000 more hectares of grain in the oblast had been harvested by combine up to 7 August than up to the same date in 1952. Daily output per combine was almost twice as great in 1953 as in 1952.(5)

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for  
fodder procurement in kolkhozes of the republic:

Oblast	5 Aug (25)		10 Aug (26)		15 Aug (27)	
	Hay	Ensilage	Hay	Ensilage	Coarse Fodder	Ensilage
	Procured	Stored	Procured	Stored	Procured	Stored
Chernigovskaya	55.8	68.8	57.5	71.1	30.3	72.8
Chernovitskaya	59.1	33.9	62.7	37.2	36.7	38.1
Dnepropetrovskaya	74.2	57.5	79.7	62.4	44.6	68.8
Drogobychskaya	55.7	34.4	55.7	35.0	22.9	35.6
Izmail'skaya	143.0	110.9	144.5	116.2	77.8	121.8
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	50.7	15.9	51.7	16.3	31.7	17.3
Khar'kovskaya	62.8	56.6	64.6	58.0	39.0	59.4
Khersonskaya	60.9	90.9	65.2	95.9	51.4	101.2
Kievskaya	65.6	38.7	67.0	39.8	36.4	40.8
Kirovogradskaya	98.6	60.5	100.9	61.7	54.2	63.6
L'vovskaya	56.2	58.5	56.4	59.0	23.4	60.0
Nikolayevskaya	82.0	97.8	85.7	101.1	59.1	104.4
Odesskaya	92.8	50.2	95.1	53.6	48.6	56.7
Poltavskaya	64.8	42.6	66.3	45.1	38.4	47.3
Rovensskaya	66.9	91.2	67.2	91.6	41.2	93.1
Stalinskaya	43.7	46.5	46.7	50.7	41.7	57.0
Stanislavskaya	58.2	45.4	59.8	46.2	27.6	47.0
Sumskaya	49.2	73.8	50.3	75.2	32.6	76.6
Ternopol'skaya	50.6	41.1	50.9	41.2	25.9	42.2
Vinnitskaya	62.2	13.7	63.4	14.5	43.0	15.5
Volynskaya	50.3	74.6	50.8	76.6	36.1	76.6
Voroshilovgradskaya	39.1	56.3	41.6	59.2	31.6	61.9
Zakarpatskaya	47.6	69.3	48.8	77.0	32.2	85.4
Zaporozhskaya	63.7	84.1	67.2	90.2	49.6	95.8
Zhitomirskaya	42.9	74.3	43.7	74.8	26.8	75.4
Republic as whole	59.7	57.1	61.4	59.6	39.2	62.2

  

Oblast	20 Aug (28)		25 Aug (29)	
	Coarse Fodder	Ensilage	Coarse Fodder	Ensilage
	Procured	Stored	Procured	Stored
Chernigovskaya	34.1	73.3	37.6	74.9
Chernovitskaya	41.7	41.0	48.9	41.7
Dnepropetrovskaya	51.1	73.3	57.3	77.3
Drogobychskaya	26.7	35.7	28.7	35.9
Izmail'skaya	84.7	123.8	90.0	124.8
Kamenets-Podol'skaya	37.0	17.3	42.5	17.3
Khar'kovskaya	44.8	60.4	49.8	61.1
Khersonskaya	60.1	104.1	67.8	106.1
Kievskaya	40.4	41.9	45.2	42.5
Kirovogradskaya	59.9	64.3	63.9	64.7
L'vovskaya	26.5	60.5	31.3	61.3
Nikolayevskaya	68.0	105.7	74.2	107.0
Odesskaya	54.8	59.7	60.5	62.0
Poltavskaya	44.4	48.8	49.8	50.1
Rovensskaya	45.0	94.3	53.4	97.2
Stalinskaya	48.7	61.3	53.2	64.3
Stanislavskaya	33.4	47.3	37.5	47.7
Sumskaya	36.2	76.9	41.1	77.3
Ternopol'skaya	31.5	42.6	37.0	43.0
Vinnitskaya	50.0	15.9	57.7	16.2
Volynskaya	40.3	76.6	44.4	77.1
Voroshilovgradskaya	34.2	64.3	37.1	66.2
Zakarpatskaya	35.2	88.8	38.4	92.5
Zaporozhskaya	56.3	100.5	62.1	103.8
Zhitomirskaya	30.5	75.9	34.0	76.5
Republic as whole	44.6	64.0	49.8	65.4

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Moldavian SSR

Winter wheat occupies up to 40 percent of the sown area in kolkhozes of the republic. It is sown mainly on land on which grain crops or row crops have been grown previously; less than 10 percent of the land on which it is sown had previously been summer fallowed or occupied by perennial grasses. That so little land is summer fallowed is due to the fact that many kolkhozes have still not introduced crop rotation and that great importance is attached in the republic to sowing grain crops, row crops, and industrial crops.(31)

At present, 25 percent of all vineyards in the USSR are located in the Moldavian SSR. During the years 1953 and 1954, 16,700 additional hectares of vineyards are to be established in the republic.(32)

Georgian SSR

The speech of M. I. Baramiya, Minister of Agriculture and Procurement Georgian SSR, speaking as deputy from the Tskhakayeveskiy Electoral District, Tskhakayeveskiy Rayon, before the Supreme Soviet Georgian SSR on 22 August 1953, contained the following information:

At present, tea plantations in kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic occupy more than 58,000 hectares, citrus orchards more than 20,000 hectares, vineyards nearly 57,000 hectares, and fruit orchards more than 85,000 hectares. As compared with 1940, the area occupied by tea plantations in kolkhozes alone has increased 19.5 percent, that by vineyards 13.3 percent, and that by fruit orchards 19.9 percent.

At present, there are 104 MTS in the republic, including three MZhS (mechanized animal husbandry stations).

Successes achieved by the republic could have been greater, if the former leadership of the republic had not perpetrated such gross errors. Under the pretense of solving the so-called "grain problem" and under the influence of the now exposed Berya, this leadership adopted an unrealistic

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plan. Pastures, hay fields, hillsides, and mountain sides were plowed up in many regions to achieve an abnormal increase in the area devoted to grain. Due to low soil fertility as well as soil erosion, either no crop at all or at best a very small harvest was realized from these lands. Consequently, the yield of some regions and kolkhozes was reduced. At the same time, animal husbandry was deprived of a portion of its development base. Such were the results of the wreckers' planning!

To correct these errors, countermeasures have been taken. Crop rotations, which had been interrupted, are being restored.

Particular attention is being paid to the development of such valuable crops as tea, citrus fruits, grapes, fruits, and tobacco and to a sharp increase in the yield of potatoes, vegetables, and fodder crops. In the next 2 years, it is planned to establish 10,000 hectares of new tea plantations, 5,000 hectares of new citrus groves, 7,500 hectares of new vineyards, and 7,000 hectares of new fruit orchards. In addition, subtropical fruit growing is to be carried out on 3,500 hectares. During the next 2 years, 36,000 hectares are to be added to the area devoted to perennial crops, so that by the end of 1955 the area devoted to perennial crops will comprise about 300,000 hectares; this figure will then represent an increase of 75,000 hectares or 34 percent over 1940.

For many years, kolkhozes of the republic failed to fulfill the plans for vegetable and potato growing; these failures were due to the fact that insufficient attention was given to these crops.

In recent years, kolkhozes of the republic failed to fulfill the plans for increases in the number of head of livestock; productivity of livestock did not improve.

During the last 3 years, MTS of the republic received 2,900 tractors in terms of 15-horsepower units, 800 combines, 1,600 plows, and much other machinery.

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As of 15 August, the plan for gathering tea leaves had been fulfilled 73.5 percent; but some regions were lagging with regard to the tea harvest.(33)

Armenian SSR

According to data of the Ministry of Agriculture and Procurement Armenian SSR, harvesting of 17.1 percent of the area devoted to grain crops in the republic had been completed by 5 August. As of that date, the plan for mowing of natural grasses had been fulfilled 58.8 percent.(34)

Azerbaijani SSR

Kolkhozes of the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR had fulfilled the 1953 plan for delivery of grain to the state by 21 August, which was ahead of schedule.(35)

The TsK KP Azerbaijan SSR decreed the following schedule for delivery to the state of the 1953 cotton crop by kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic: 45 percent during August and September, 47 percent during October, and 8 percent in November.(36)

In 1953, an unusually good crop of vegetables was grown in the republic. By 19 August, kolkhozes had delivered to the state 30,000 more quintals of vegetables than by the same date in 1952.(37)

RSFSR

The following table shows the changes which took place between 1940 and 1950 in the structure of the sown area in Molotovskaya Oblast(38):

<u>Crop</u>	<u>Structure of Sown Area (Percent of Total Area)</u>		
	<u>1940</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1950</u>
Grain crops	83.0	87.9	76.2
Potatoes and vegetables	2.8	5.6	4.5
Including vegetables	0.3	0.9	0.7
Industrial crops (flax)	2.5	0.7	1.7
Fodder crops	11.7	5.8	17.6
Including perennial grasses	10.8	4.8	12.9

In 1950, winter wheat occupied 12 percent and winter rye 88 percent

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of the area devoted to winter grain crops in Moskovskaya Oblast; in 1953, 50 percent of the area devoted to winter grain crops in the oblast was occupied by winter wheat.(39)

The grain growers of Chuvashskaya ASSR were completing the harvest of winter grain crops by 7 August. Pulling of flax and harvesting of perennial grass seed were in progress. Mechanization of field operations had risen to a considerably higher level; the grain crop area harvested by combine up to 7 August was three times as great as that harvested by combine up to the same date in 1952.

Kolkhozes of Novgorodskaya Oblast had begun mass harvesting of grain crops by 7 August, a week earlier than in 1952. Hundreds of self-propelled combines were in operation on the fields. In 1953, MTS of the oblast received a considerable number of new machines.

Flax was being pulled in all parts of Novgorodskaya Oblast. To harvest this crop, MTS had at their disposal 1,130 flax combines and pullers; they pledged to harvest 90 percent of the crop with their machines.(40)

Harvesting of spiked grain crops had been completed in the Kuban' by 3 August; collection and stacking of straw was being completed; plowing for winter crops was in progress.

With completion of the harvest in the Kuban', 1,800 combines together with thousands of personnel were moving into the northern and eastern regions of the USSR, where the harvest was just beginning. Kuban' combiners will go to Aktyubinskaya and Gor'kovskaya oblasts as well as Moskovskaya Oblast, Belorussia, Lithuania, and Kazakhstan.(41)

Harvesting of early spiked grain crops had been completed in Krimskaya Oblast by 19 August, 10 days earlier than in 1952. All grain was harvested by combine.(42)

Sunflowers are the principal industrial crop in the southeastern USSR. Cultivation and harvesting of sunflowers have been fully mechanized in

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kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Saratovskaya Oblast. As a result, yield and gross harvest have increased year after year. In 1952, for example, kolkhozes of the oblast delivered to the state 17,000 more metric tons of sunflower seeds than in 1951.(43)

By 4 August, the grain growers of Saratovskaya Oblast had harvested 210,000 more hectares than by the same date in 1952.(44)

Tens of thousands of hectares are devoted to maize in the Severo-Osetinskaya ASSR. In 1953, a generally high yield of maize is expected in the republic. At the beginning of August, it was estimated that the yield would be not less than 70 quintals per hectare.(45)

During the period 11-20 August, 400 combine operators together with their machines were dispatched from Stavropol'skiy Kray to the Kazakh SSR and Tyumenskaya Oblast. Altogether, 1,500 machine operators from the kray will work on the fields of the country outside the kray.(46)

In 1953, many kolkhozes and sovkhozes of the RSFSR considerably expanded the area devoted to potatoes and vegetables. For example, 5,000 more hectares of potatoes were planted in Penzenskaya Oblast than in 1952, 7,500 more hectares in Kuybyshevskaya Oblast, 8,000 more hectares in Udmurtskaya ASSR, and 13,200 more hectares in Tatarskaya ASSR.(47)

For the purpose of improving the supply of potatoes, vegetables, milk, and meat for the workers of the city, a large vegetable and dairy sovkhoz was created near the city of Zlatoust in Chelyabinskaya Oblast. To it were transferred 8,000 hectares of land, about 3,000 head of livestock, and a varied assortment of agricultural machinery, which had belonged to the subsidiary farms of a number of enterprises and institutions. The industrial workers of the city have already received from the sovkhoz the first scores of tons of fresh vegetables.(10)

The vegetable-growing sovkhozes of Leningradskaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for delivery of early vegetables ahead of schedule. Twice as

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much early cabbage as in 1952 and twice as many cucumbers, onions, radishes, and other vegetables as in 1952 reached the trade network of the city of Leningrad. The sovkhoses delivered three times as many early potatoes as in 1952.(24)

In 1953, 85,000 hectares of potatoes were planted by the checkrow method in Moskovskaya Oblast; this area constituted 65 percent of the total area devoted to potatoes in the oblast. About 67,000 hectares were planted with four-row potato planting machines.(48)

Moskovskaya Oblast faces the task of raising its total vegetable harvest to 500,000 metric tons in 1954 and to 700,000 metric tons in 1955.(49)

Kolkhozes of Yaroslavskaya Oblast had begun to harvest potatoes by 6 August. The yield was considerably higher than in 1952.(50)

Kolkhozes of Chkalovskaya Oblast fulfilled the 1953 plan for sowing of winter grain crops on 25 August, which was 15 days earlier than in 1952. Sowing was performed on well prepared summer fallow and with graded seed. Utilizing favorable weather conditions, kolkhozes of the oblast were continuing to sow winter grain crops in excess of plan.(51)

In 1953, the kolkhozes of Penzenskaya Oblast are doubling the area sown to winter wheat as compared with 1952.(52)

Kolkhozes of Sverdlovskaya Oblast had fulfilled the plan for sowing of winter grain crops by 29 August. A considerable portion of the rye was sown for grazing and ensilage purposes.(53)

#### Kazakh SSR

In the spring of 1953, the state plans for sowing of spring wheat and sunflowers were exceeded by a considerable margin in kolkhozes and sovkhoses of Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast. As compared with 1952, the area sown to grain crops increased by 27,000 hectares, that sown to sunflowers by 4,000 hectares, and that sown to perennial grasses by 17,000 hectares.

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More than 40,000 hectares of virgin and long fallow land were put into productive use.(54)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for harvesting of grain crops in the republic:

Oblast	15 Aug (55)		20 Aug (56)	
	Kolkhozes	Sovkhozes	Kolkhozes	Sovkhozes
Akmolinskaya	16.7	15.9	29.6	33.1
Aktyubinskaya	39.6	54.9	50.4	68.5
Alma-Atinskaya	62.4	80.0	70.0	80.1
Dzhambul'skaya	75.0	100.0	81.9	100.0
Gur'yevskaya	35.5	--	50.3	--
Karagandinskaya	12.7	19.0	25.5	35.0
Kokchetavskaya	14.0	13.0	26.3	26.6
Kustanayskaya	25.2	37.0	37.4	52.2
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	37.7	83.3	41.7	83.3
Pavlodarskaya	20.7	25.9	31.7	40.5
Semipalatinskaya	37.0	46.5	45.6	56.8
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	13.9	15.8	26.9	35.6
Taldy-Kurganskaya	40.0	70.3	47.4	76.8
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	31.8	82.1	42.4	95.6
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	81.5	100.0	84.0	100.0
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	54.7	81.7	63.4	90.8

As of 15 August, harvesting progress was slow in some oblasts of the republic. One of the principal reasons for this was the fact that there were serious deficiencies in the utilization of the combine park. The harvest had been in progress for more than a month in Dzhambul'skaya, Alma-Atinskaya, and Taldy-Kurganskaya oblasts and for about 2 months in Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, but a considerable portion of the grain was still standing on the fields.

The harvest was developing very slowly in Karagandinskaya, Severo-Kazakhstanskaya, Kokchetavskaya, Semipalatinskaya, and other oblasts. In kolkhozes of Semipalatinskaya Oblast, for example, only 37 percent of the grain had been harvested by 15 August, whereas 41.3 percent had been harvested by this date in 1952. Between 11 and 15 August, not a single rayon in the oblast fulfilled its progress plan.(55)

Harvesting of grain crops was in full swing in the northeastern and western parts of the republic by 19 August. In the republic as a whole, almost 200,000 more hectares had been harvested by this date than by the

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same date in 1952; 96 percent of the grain had been harvested by combine.(37)

To aid the grain growers of Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, 160 self-propelled and tractor-drawn combines together with their operators had arrived in Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast from the Kuban' by 19 August.

Kolkhozes and sovkhoses of Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast fulfilled the 1953 plan for delivery of grain to the state on 18 August. Deliveries in payment for MTS services were continuing.(57) Sovkhoses of the oblast had fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain already by 7 August.(58)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for fodder procurement in kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic:

Oblast	Kolkhozes			Sovkhoses		
	Area Mowed	Hay Procured	Ensilage Stored	Area Mowed	Hay Procured	Ensilage Stored
31 Jul (59)						
Akmolinskaya	73.1	80.8	35.0	61.7	30.6	9.4
Aktyubinskaya	61.6	40.8	34.2	41.5	18.0	14.4
Alma-Atinskaya	66.7	28.2	44.0	38.2	27.4	90.8
Dzhambul'skaya	82.7	32.0	55.1	58.1	52.0	64.4
Gur'yevskaya	49.8	28.5	8.0	--	--	--
Karagandinskaya	56.7	25.6	26.6	53.9	28.7	6.6
Kokchetavskaya	75.5	34.3	31.3	68.2	27.0	5.7
Kustanayskaya	62.7	42.0	35.1	53.3	30.1	7.1
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	61.8	31.6	34.0	28.6	16.2	18.1
Pavlodarskaya	76.3	18.8	26.9	69.1	24.8	29.6
Semipalatinskaya	57.4	18.2	42.3	57.8	34.1	27.0
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	67.3	29.7	26.0	82.8	39.7	26.6
Taldy-Kurganskaya	68.4	31.5	51.0	46.0	34.2	34.4
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	59.1	22.8	39.7	--	--	--
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	75.0	33.7	49.9	67.2	59.0	96.3
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	59.7	50.6	17.0	--	--	--
5 Aug (60)						
Akmolinskaya	76.3	32.8	39.0	63.8	32.4	13.4
Aktyubinskaya	66.0	45.2	35.0	45.0	20.2	13.1
Alma-Atinskaya	70.1	30.5	47.6	40.4	29.3	93.3
Dzhambul'skaya	85.4	34.2	58.1	62.1	56.0	67.3
Gur'yevskaya	55.3	34.0	20.0	--	--	--
Karagandinskaya	59.4	29.6	32.2	36.0	23.3	12.2
Kokchetavskaya	80.1	38.5	38.0	64.7	27.6	7.6
Kustanayskaya	66.3	44.8	36.8	56.8	32.7	8.7
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	68.9	38.1	40.5	59.5	31.1	--
Pavlodarskaya	79.7	21.0	31.6	74.1	28.6	36.7
Semipalatinskaya	60.1	20.6	46.5	61.7	37.2	35.8
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	71.9	33.5	30.7	86.5	43.2	34.6
Taldy-Kurganskaya	71.4	33.8	53.7	48.8	36.5	37.8
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	63.5	25.6	42.2	128.3	36.8	38.5
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	77.5	36.3	50.9	89.7	59.7	102.4
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	63.3	54.8	18.4	61.2	33.5	18.3

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Oblast	Kolkhozes		Sovkhozes	
	Hay	Ensilage	Hay	Ensilage
	Procured	Stored	Procured	Stored
<u>10 Aug (61)</u>				
Akmolinskaya	34.7	43.0	34.1	21.0
Aktyubinskaya	48.3	35.7	22.4	16.6
Alma-Atinskaya	32.5	50.6	33.2	99.6
Dzhambul'skaya	35.8	61.0	58.8	69.0
Gur'yevskaya	39.1	22.0	--	--
Karagandinskaya	32.3	40.4	29.9	15.1
Kokchetav'skaya	41.0	42.9	29.4	12.9
Kustanay'skaya	48.0	37.7	34.4	10.8
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	43.3	40.5	31.1	--
Pavlodarskaya	23.1	35.3	32.7	41.5
Semipalatinskaya	22.5	49.7	39.7	35.8
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	36.5	32.3	47.1	34.6
Taldy-Kurganskaya	36.1	55.2	39.2	40.9
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	27.8	46.0	39.4	53.3
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	39.1	52.4	53.2	102.4
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	59.0	19.2	35.8	20.0

15 Aug (62)

Akmolinskaya	36.5	44.9	37.3	23.8
Aktyubinskaya	51.4	38.0	24.5	16.8
Alma-Atinskaya	34.4	53.3	35.1	101.2
Dzhambul'skaya	37.4	63.4	61.4	72.6
Gur'yevskaya	45.3	26.0	--	--
Karagandinskaya	35.4	44.8	32.2	18.8
Kokchetav'skaya	43.5	46.4	32.0	14.0
Kustanay'skaya	50.1	38.1	36.1	11.4
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	47.2	54.0	42.5	--
Pavlodarskaya	25.7	39.5	37.9	45.1
Semipalatinskaya	24.0	52.0	42.9	49.1
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	38.4	34.0	50.5	49.6
Taldy-Kurganskaya	38.4	56.6	41.2	43.9
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	30.4	47.5	44.4	59.2
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	41.3	53.3	53.6	102.4
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	62.5	19.4	37.7	21.4

20 Aug (63)

Akmolinskaya	37.8	46.3	40.6	25.4
Aktyubinskaya	53.5	38.5	26.2	16.9
Alma-Atinskaya	36.4	55.8	37.8	101.9
Dzhambul'skaya	39.2	65.3	64.0	77.4
Gur'yevskaya	51.5	36.0	--	--
Karagandinskaya	38.5	49.3	35.7	22.2
Kokchetav'skaya	45.1	48.0	36.6	15.7
Kustanay'skaya	52.3	43.0	37.5	11.9
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	51.1	58.0	45.8	--
Pavlodarskaya	28.9	42.1	42.9	47.7
Semipalatinskaya	25.8	54.8	45.6	51.4
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	40.1	35.1	53.4	52.1
Taldy-Kurganskaya	40.1	58.1	43.1	44.5
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	32.3	48.6	44.4	64.0
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	32.3	48.6	44.4	64.0
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	65.6	20.0	39.6	22.2

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Kolkhozes</u>		<u>Soykhozes</u>	
	<u>Hay</u>	<u>Ensilage</u>	<u>Hay</u>	<u>Ensilage</u>
	<u>Procured</u>	<u>Stored</u>	<u>Procured</u>	<u>Stored</u>
	<u>25 Aug (64)</u>			
Akmolinskaya	38.9	48.1	42.2	27.5
Aktyubinskaya	56.1	38.5	27.8	16.9
Alma-Atinskaya	39.1	57.0	43.5	102.4
Dzhambul'skaya	41.0	67.0	66.6	78.2
Gur'yevskaya	57.2	46.0	--	--
Karagandinskaya	41.1	50.7	37.3	23.4
Kokchetavskaya	46.1	48.2	36.0	16.2
Kustanayskaya	53.7	38.6	38.5	12.1
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	54.7	61.5	49.3	110.0
Pavlodarskaya	31.8	44.2	47.0	48.8
Semipalatinskaya	27.5	59.4	48.8	53.3
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	40.7	35.7	55.1	52.9
Taldy-Kurganskaya	42.0	59.4	44.7	44.7
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	34.6	49.5	46.2	65.7
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	44.7	55.3	55.1	102.4
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	68.5	20.2	41.2	23.0

During the period 16-20 August, the rate of storing ensilage was sharply slower in most oblasts of the republic. Although they had fulfilled the plan for ensilage storage only 38.5 percent by 20 August, kolkhozes of Aktyubinskaya Oblast stored only 200 metric tons during the 5-day period. The situation was no better in Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya, Severo-Kazakhstanskaya, Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya, Kokchetavskaya, and Akmolinskaya oblasts.(63)

Since the beginning of the Fifth Five-Year Plan, the area devoted to perennial and annual grasses in Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast has more than doubled. In 1953 alone, the area was expanded by 17,000 hectares. More and more varieties of grasses, new to the oblast, are being introduced. Clover of the Zyryanovskiy-1 variety, developed by the Zyryanovsk Selection Station, occupies more than 15,000 hectares. Sainfoin, Hungarian foxtail millet, and Sudan grass are grown on large areas.(65)

#### Uzbek SSR

The grain growers of Samarkandskaya Oblast fulfilled the 1953 plan for delivery of grain (not including rice) to the state on 30 July, 16 days earlier than in 1952.(66)

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Kolkhozes and sovkhoses of Surkhan-Dar'inskaya and Andizhanskaya oblasts had fulfilled the 1953 plan for delivery of grain to the state by 1 August, which was ahead of schedule.(67)

Kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic had fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain to the state 101.4 percent by 6 August. More than 70 percent of the entire area reaped by that time had been harvested by combine. Reaping and delivery of grain were continuing.(68)

The Council of Ministers and TsK KP Uzbek SSR decreed that the 1953 plan for delivery of cotton to the state by kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic be fulfilled in the republic as a whole by 7 November; that the plan be fulfilled 35 percent during the months of August and September; that this fulfillment figure for the republic as a whole be distributed among the oblasts as follows: Tashkentskaya 32, Ferganskaya 34, Namanganskaya 35, Andizhanskaya 38, Samarkandskaya 28, Bukharskaya 40, Kashka-Dar'inskaya 55, Surkhan-Dar'inskaya 42, Khorezmskaya 32, and Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR 28; and that during these 2 months, not less than 55,000-60,000 metric tons of cotton be harvested by machine.(69)

#### Turkmen SSR

The Council of Ministers and TsK KP Turkmen SSR decreed that in 1953 kolkhozes of the republic deliver cotton to the state according to the following schedule(70):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Percentage Fulfillment of the Plan</u>		
	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Ashkhabadskaya	50	50	--
Chardzhouskaya	35	50	15
Maryyskaya	30	50	20
Tashauzskaya	26	50	24
Republic as whole	32	50	18

#### Tadzhik SSR

Although individual kolkhozes and rayons were carrying out the

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grain harvest in an organized manner, progress of the harvest could not be considered satisfactory in the republic as a whole. As of 10 August, 12,000 less hectares had been harvested than as of the same date in 1952. The unsatisfactory progress was due in considerable degree to poor utilization of the combine park.(71)

Production of fiber cotton in the republic is to increase sharply during the Fifth Five-Year Plan. In 1953 alone, it is planned to harvest 120,000 more metric tons of cotton in the republic than in 1952.(72)

Kirgiz SSR

The cotton variety "611-B", which had previously been grown in the northern portion of the republic, was successfully grown in 1952 in the upper Chu Valley, where it ripened ahead of all other varieties.(73)

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